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"And He placed at the East of the garden of Eden cherubim and a Flaming Sword, which turned every way to keep the Way of the Tree of Life."

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The Lord's Ethnological Vineyard and the Messiah of the Age.

Prophecies Concerning Judah and Joseph and Their Posterity; the Gathering of Israel Under the One Shepherd; the Culmination of the 1335 Days an Historic Date.

For the vineyard of the Lord of Hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah his pleasant plant.—Isa. v: 7.

AN ANALYTICAL and critical study of the above Scripture quotation—under the searchlight of a knowledge of ethnic development and progress—is essential to a correct and inclusive comprehension of its import. The two wonderful predictions embraced in the major blessings of Jacob,—the ones upon Judah and Joseph, the two sons of distinct and characteristic mothers,—involve the roots of the two lines of Jacob's posterity, to be subsequently known as the distinct Houses—Judah and Israel. Judah was the son of Leah (bleareyed, visual imperfection); Joseph was the son of Rachel (Ewe of God—female or mother sheep), who was ordained of God, the female parent of that posterity which was destined to become the fruitage of regeneration, hence the sons of God.

Judah was the progenitor of the tribe of Judah—

the royal tribe of the Hebrew nation. The tribal coat of arms was Leo. Its symbol in the alchemico-organic (physical) Zodiac, is the constellation Leo. This

is the heart of the Zodiacal belt, both in the alchemico-organic and the anthropotic Zodiac. Judah, the son of Leah, was the natural progenitor of the tribe of Judah; Joseph, the son of Rachel, was the progenitor of the tribes of Joseph; namely, Manasseh and Ephraim. Ephraim, the younger son of Joseph, was the destined channel of the Lord's ultimate consummation of his fruition in the production of the offspring of Deity. It was the supreme destiny of the tribe of Judah to bring into the world the Christ, the Son of man, the Son of God, and with him the twelve apostles of the Lamb, including as many of the primitive church as



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should come forth from the House of Judah. These comprised the men of Judah, and they were therefore the Lord's pleasant plant.

In What Vineyard shall this Pleasant Plant be Rooted?

"For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel." Every student who would become familiar with this profound and interesting ethnic problem, must specifically note the significance of one important text of the old Scripture: "I know it, my son, I know it: he also shall become a people, and he also shall be great; but truly his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his seed shall become the fulness of the Gentiles." Genesis xlviii: 19. While it is true that in the King James version "the fulness of the Gentiles" is rendered "a multitude of nations," it yet remains a fact that the original Hebrew is *melo hagoyim*. *Melo* is from *mela*, to be full; and *goyim* is Gentile, from the root *gava*, body. The unmistakable significance of the text, as borne out by the best scholarship of the world, precludes the possible rendering of these two words into anything but fulness of the Gentiles, in contradistinction to the ordinary translation.

We emphasize the importance of a correct rendering of this Scripture passage, not only because of its bearing upon the laws governing ethnical progress, but because it is vital to theological and doctrinal accuracy as pertaining to the purposes of Jehovah in the establishment of his kingdom in the earth. The rendering of the text was a sacrifice of scholastic accuracy to a dogmatic fallacy of the ecclesiastics. The scholars of the church could not comprehend the law by which the posterity of Ephraim, a Hebrew, could become the fulness of the Gentiles; therefore, they entertained the assumption that the writers of the Pentateuch were not acquainted with the use of their own language, and meant what they did not write.

As Judah became the dominant and ruling tribe of the Hebrew nation, the tribe of Ephraim became a rival tribe; and about 900 years before Christ, Jeroboam—of the tribe of Ephraim—provoked a rebellion, in which he involved ten of the thirteen tribes. The revolt resulted in the creation of a distinct kingdom, denominated the House of Israel, in contradistinction to the House of Judah. Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, reigned over Judah. This House included Judah, Benjamin, and Levi,—the tribe of the priesthood, which remained with Judah. Jeroboam of the tribe of Ephraim was a lineal descendant of Joseph and Asenath, the Egyptian, through Ephraim, the younger son of Joseph, whose name signifies a mixed, a double people, or twin land. Hence Ephraim's coat of arms was Gemini,—twins; therefore the constellation Gemini is his symbol in the alchemico-organic Zodiac.

The Posterity of Joseph Through Ephraim, According to Jacob's Blessing, Will Become the Fulness of the Gentiles.

Diametrically opposed to this unquestionable statement and view of the Scriptures, we find the body of

people called Anglo-Israelites, among whom Professor Totten is pre-eminent. We emphatically reiterate, in direct opposition to Professor Totten and his constituents, that the prediction of Jacob provided for the metamorphosis of the Israelite (radically, through ethnic infiltration) to the condition of Gentile; and that the laws and facts of racial development corroborate this testimony, and history indelibly stamps the confirmation. If Professor Totten and his kind were not absolutely blinded by a preconceived theological fallacy, they would hesitate long enough to investigate the divine purpose as set forth in the Biblical statement pertaining to the fulness of Gentile times, and what is signified in the predictions regarding Gentile restoration.

Israel, the ten-tribed House, the House which is to become the *goyim*, Gentile (from *gava*, body), is the vineyard of the Lord of hosts, while the Christ and his apostles, the men of Judah, comprise the pleasant plant to be rooted in this Gentile body. When the Lord—through the covenant (conjunction) with Abraham—instituted the Hebrew as a specific nationality, he provided a definite mark of distinction, which should operate as a hedge of defense against the encroachments of all other peoples. Through the median line of human progress toward the final fruition of the immortals,—the sons of God, to be unfolded from the race of man,—Abraham, the Chaldean and progenitor of the Hebrew nationality, was found in the line of direction. Through him, from the recidivating past, the Almighty had projected himself into this chosen soil of implantation. Into this people were heaped up the promises of the past and the possibilities of the future, and in them was conserved—for future involution and incarnation—the essence of Jehovah, the seminal potency of God's purpose to regenerate the race.

The very life of God, in which was the promise of the sons of God and the perpetuity of the universe, must be protected; thus was the hedge of circumcision instituted, and for this reason did God enjoin upon his people Israel, the imperative necessity of destroying those nations which, were they not obliterated, would destroy the place where the Almighty had implanted his own seed of generation and regeneration. That which seems a cruelty on the part of the Hebrew, arose from an instinctive consciousness of the importance of preserving that which must bring forth the Son of God, and ultimately—through his generation—the final salvation of those who seem to have been destroyed.

God had planted his own seed in the Hebrew race. It was from and through this race that the Son of God, the progenitor of the genus of the Gods, or sons of God, was to be generated. It was by virtue of circumcision that this should be accomplished, because circumcision provided for the constant intermarriage of Hebrew with

Hebrew, without the deterioration of the race. Circumcision was the mark of distinction. It was by virtue of this mark, that the Israelite was entitled to the name of Israel. When Jeroboam set up his kingdom he instituted the Egyptian ritual and worship, and renounced the religion of Judah—including circumcision. The original hedge of Israel was broken down, and the line of demarcation separating Israel from the Gentile or alien nations was obliterated, with the result of laying them open to Gentile influences.

The ten tribes, including the tribes of Joseph—Manasseh and Ephraim, were carried into Media by the Assyrian power. They lost their identity as Israel, in fulfilment of many predictions; and through intermarriage with the Medians, Persians, and Assyrians, they became Gentile. They are therefore no longer Israel. The loss of Israel and Israel's absorption by the Gentiles, developed the Germanic race, of which the Anglo-Saxon is the most progressive. This culminates in the United States, where there is the greatest conglomeration of the Germanic family. The ten tribes, as tribal distinctions, were obliterated through ethnic absorption. They were no longer Israel, having become Gentile as predicted in Jacob's blessing upon Ephraim: "His seed shall become the fulness of the Gentiles."

The Lord, the Christ of Judah, the very heart of Judah—the Lion of the life of Judah—was extracted, and thus was Judah saved in the incarnation (resurrection) of the past, in the personality of the Messiah. When the Lord and his church were derived from the Hebrew church and rejected by the Hebrew, the Hebrew passed. The spirit of life in the Messiah and his Jewish church, the Lord's "pleasant plant," passed over into the Gentile people, the descendants of Joseph. Thus Egypt absorbed by Israel, Israel absorbed by Assyria, subsequently absorbed the church of Christ from Jerusalem, making of Egypt, Israel, and Assyria one, as declared by Isaiah the prophet:

In that day shall there be a highway out of Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian shall come into Egypt, and the Egyptian into Assyria; and the Egyptians shall serve with the Assyrians. In that day shall Israel be the third with Egypt and with Assyria, even a blessing in the midst of the land: Whom the Lord of hosts [Jesus, the Christ of God] shall bless, saying, blessed be Egypt my people, and Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel mine inheritance.

In this will be found the single stick, the Messiah of this age, in whom is united the two sticks; namely, the stick of Judah (the Lord Jesus Christ) in the hand of Judah, with the stick of Joseph in the hand of Ephraim. "They shall become one [stick] in thine hand." That stick is the Messiah of this age.

Whence and Where will Israel be Gathered?

The gathering of Israel from all nations whence they have been scattered, is in the spiritual world, in the formation of the New Jerusalem, in which are

not only the ten tribes, but also the two tribes; that is, the twelve tribes are gathered into the New Jerusalem. The organization of the twelve tribes and the confession of their King, the divine human, took place in 1870, 1,335 days (years) after the abomination of desolation was set up,—which occurred in 535. "Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days." This is thirteen hundred and thirty-five years from the time of the removal of the "daily sacrifice," and the setting up of the Roman Catholic power. The Hebrew furnishes no such phrase as the "daily sacrifice." The literal rendering is, from the time of the departure from righteousness, and the abomination which maketh desolate is set up. The abomination which made desolate, was the establishment of Christian secularism. When the church degenerated into secular and pagan Romanism and became a secular power, it had departed completely from its original integrity,—from the truth and from righteousness. 535 A. D., is the definite period of this departure. If we subtract 535 from 1870, which was the time of the end of the secular power of Rome, it would leave 1335,—one thousand three hundred and five and thirty days (years). See Daniel xii: 12.

In the fall of 1869, the time came for the Pope of Rome to declare the dogma of infallibility and universal papal secular supremacy. Immediately following the Ecumenical Council, the eldest son of Rome, Napoleon III, declared war against Germany at the instigation of the papacy, for papal supremacy. The pope's infallibility was supremely fallible, as the sequel proved; for upon the withdrawal of the twenty-five thousand soldiers of the French army, Victor Immanuel took the "Eternal City," and Rome lost her secular authority. The props were knocked from under the great image of Nebuchadnezzar, and the great Roman empire ended.

Blessed is he [not they] that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days.

This *he* refers to the Messiah, in whom is the New Jerusalem; for of him it is said:

Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is New Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God; and I will write upon him my new name.

All this was fulfilled in 1870, at the fall of the secular supremacy of Rome, the time when Christian paganism lost its secular authority.

Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; [these are the spirits of the New Jerusalem, who have become the Bride—the Lamb's wife;] but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand. * * * Go thy way, Daniel [judge of God]: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end. * * * But go thou thy way till the end be, for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days.

Koreshans the Coming World Conquerors.

The Pivot of Potency and Power is Messianic; the Final Ascendency of the Hero Who Overcomes Himself and Conquers Death.

WHERE the most perfect cognition of the character and mission of the Lord obtains, now at the end of the age, there will be the ordained authority for the institution of universal conquest. Koreshanity holds the keys committed to Peter, for the reason that as the Lord Christ and his church at Jerusalem were the involved and evolved product of Judaism, so Koreshanity is the involved and evolved product of Christianity. We do not claim, because the Lord's church was the fruitage of the Jewish church, that Koreshanity is therefore the fruitage of Christianity. There are, however, reasons for our conclusions and statement of this fact. Koreshanity is the fruition of Christianity, and for this reason it possesses the keys of St. Peter. These keys gave to Peter all authority, both in heaven and in earth. These are the keys of confession and obedience. The confession of the name of the Lord Jesus implies many things, among which is the primary fact of his absolute Divinity as embracing Father, Son, and Holy Ghost in himself, as the fulness of the Godhead bodily, hence the confession of the Lord as the Lord God, in whom all fulness dwelt.

Koreshanity stands unique in its attitude toward the Divine and Messianic character of the Christ of nineteen hundred years ago. The nearest approach to the attitude of Koreshanity, is the Swedenborgian or "New Church" as it is called. The "New Church" people confess, or pretend to, the absolute Divinity of Jesus; but they deny him by refusing to accept what he has taught to his children. In the study of the literature of Emanuel Swedenborg, it will be noticed that he always signed himself "Servant of the Lord." Now, the Lord expressly declared that "the servant knoweth not what his Lord doeth." It therefore follows, that Emanuel Swedenborg did not know the Lord's purpose regarding himself. It has been our fortune to know the career of Swedenborg after his passage to the angelic world, as he merged into that degree of the heavens which it was his mission to exposit; namely, the spiritual heavens. He passed directly into, and became the stellar nucleus of the spiritual world, and was absorbed spiritually into the very heart and center of the sun which lightens that degree. He was consequently known in the spiritual world as "Emanuel, which being interpreted, is God with us." He did not unfold the interpretation of the "literal sense of the Word," because he did not comprehend it; but he did declare that "the literal sense of the Word" (by which he meant the Bible) contained both the other senses; that is, the celestial and the spiritual,

and that in the "literal sense" was contained the fulness, holiness, and power of the Word.

The revelation of the "literal sense" or degree of the Word, is something Emanuel Swedenborg could not unfold, because at the time of his manifestation the world was not ripe enough for involution. The fact that the Lord Jesus was the incarnation of Deity, being the fulness of the Godhead bodily, was cognized by Swedenborg. The fact that He was also the raised up and perfected Abram (High Father, and Father of the Highest, because Father of himself), was not recognized by him; nor did he comprehend the process of regeneration as relating to the Lord Christ and to his (the Christ's) children, the sons of God,—to be manifest through his own planting, and his own regeneration and multiplication in his sons. This most important fact and truth of the Lord's gospel they utterly deny, and denying it, put themselves in the tail of the old dragon, which draws the third part of the stars of heaven in his tail, and casts them to the earth.

The Swedenborgians draw down from heaven the third or spiritual part of the heavens, and cast it to the earth. This literally means, that the spiritual doctrines—belonging exclusively to the spiritual heavens—are given to the world as doctrines for the world. This may be illustrated by noting the Koreshan doctrine of the physical heavens, of which there are three;—the natural heaven, composed of nitrogen and oxygen, with the physical stars belonging to it; the second heaven immediately above this, namely, the atmosphere of hydrogen, and the one above that, composed of aboron. Suppose, now, we were to bring down the hydrogen from the second heaven and ask the people to breathe it. Would it not destroy the life of the present humanity? Of course it would. How, then, can the hydrogen be appropriated without the destruction of the one appropriating it? Merely by taking the hydrogen, mixing it with oxygen, and reducing it to water, which can be drunk with impunity. The effort to precipitate spiritual doctrine into the world for natural people to accept, is the worst possible perversion and prostitution of the Word; therefore it is said, that the dragon drew one third (the spiritual third) part of the stars of heaven in his tail.

The present Swedenborgian church constitutes the tail of the dragon; a fact indicated in the Parliament of Religions at Chicago (during the World's Fair); where the Catholic church was the head, the evangelical churches and various religions of the world the body, while the Swedenborgian church brought up the rear, or tail, of adulterated Christianity. Wherein, then, do

we specifically differ? The full recognition of the Lord must involve a belief in his literal doctrines, the doctrines of the literal degree of the Word. The doctrine of the literal Word regarding the fruitage of the Christian age, is to the effect that the Lord came into the world as the promised seed. The personal Lord was dissolved in his theocrasis (translation); was himself converted to the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit was the substance of his body; it was the seminal essence of Deity, transmitted from the Lord, who was personally both the Father and the Son.

Swedenborgians Deny Truth in Ultimates.

The Holy Spirit was the seed sown nineteen hundred years ago; in this seminal essence were contained the germs of regeneration (re-production). This essence contained the Father and the Son, who were not two but one, in electro-magnetic, or pneumo-psychic solution. Therefore, God the Lord was this seed, this Holy Ghost, the Son of God. God the Lord was planted in the race—his church—for regeneration. Those who received the Holy Spirit nineteen hundred years ago, comprised the soil into which this Word (God) was planted or sown. What must be its legitimate fruit? Necessarily, the sons of God; therefore the doctrine of the Lord, promulgated by his disciples, is denied by the Swedenborgians: "As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God." "It doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him." "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne."

It is one of the fundamental doctrines of Koreshanity, that, in the theocrasis of the Lord, the Christ of God, the personality of the Lord—in whom was the animal life of Deity, the Lamb of God, signifying God's begetting power; the Lion of the tribe of Judah, signifying the heart of God, the power of commerce; the horse of God, signifying the restraints, liberties, adjustments, and appropriations of commerce, hence the power to be translated or theocrasised, with all its concomitants, representative principles and symbols of God's animal life precipitated in the Lord's translation, and therefore God's seed sown or planted in his church; the death of the seed following, and the declension of the church, the dark ages, when the two witnesses, the Word, God, Father and Son, lay dead in the streets of the great city, Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified—was precipitated as his descending life for regeneration. This crucifixion is the commingling of the Spirit of God with the spirit of the church. It is by this crucifixion that the Word (the two witnesses—God) lies dead in the streets of the great city, until the two witnesses stand again.

The precipitation (throwing down) of the Lord's descending degree does not militate against the fact of his spiritual ascent into the interior of his church, into heaven, when in his ascent he went to the throne of God, where he sits as King of kings and Lord of lords. The Lord's planting in the race nineteen hundred years ago, will fructify in the sons of God at the end of the age. The process of regeneration (reproduction) will find in its fruit, a disposition to confess the Fatherhood of the Lord Jesus Christ, and also a co-ordinate disposition to cognize the law and personality of his coming as the Messenger of the Covenant,—the Messenger of conjunction,—who comes to usher in the great and dreadful day of the Lord. This Messenger is none other than Elijah (God the Lord) the prophet, who comes as a refiner's fire and as the *Sign* of the Lord's coming.

Vincit, Qui Se Vincit!

Swedenborgians, with all the evangelical churches, deny the coming of the sons of God. Koreshanity teaches the doctrine of the coming of the sons of God through regeneration; that this mortal shall put on immortality here in the flesh and in these bodies, and that this corruptible shall put on incorruptibility, not merely through the confession of the Christ of nineteen hundred years ago, but the confession of the humanity in this age, in obedience to His commandments: "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the Tree of Life [right to be made immortal], and may enter in through the gates into the city." Koreshanity teaches the law by which Koreshans may conquer self, whence they may go forth conquering and to conquer. The motto of the University and Ecclesiastical departments of the Koreshan Unity, is *Vincit, qui se vincit*; "He conquers who overcomes himself."

The disciples overcame in the spirit nineteen hundred years ago, but not in the body. They did this through the fact that they believed in the Lord Jesus, and absorbed him by receiving the Holy Spirit. This gave them the power to overcome. They were thus enabled to work out their own salvation with fear and trembling, for God (the Holy Spirit) worked in them to will and to do of his own good pleasure. And so at the end of the age, those may work out their own salvation who are prepared to receive the baptism prepared for this age. Koreshans will conquer themselves first, through their recognition of the Messenger of this age, and from the grouping of the heart (the commercial center and nucleus of the new order), they will proceed to bring the entire world under subjection to the King and kingdom of everlasting righteousness, and the brotherhood of the divine life. Establish the heart and circulation, and all else will be subdued!

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THE KINGDOM of God in earth was typified by the stone which Nebuchadnezzar saw, that was cut out of the mountain without hands, and which grew to be a great mountain and filled the whole earth. The great image that the king saw, typified the former grand or Zodiacal cycle of twelve dispensations; or rather, the earthly governments of church and state during the time of this cycle, which was 24,000 years. The government which is to succeed them in the new grand cycle, the great year of the Zodiac, the beginning of which is a fixed point which the revolution of the heavens is now nearing, is God's Imperialism that shall rapidly include the whole world in one government. In vain will the governments of today—which, in their self-sufficiency and vanity, are saying, as did Nebuchadnezzar: "Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honor of my majesty?"—seek to stay its oncoming tide. But in due time, which is close at hand, God shall say to them: "The kingdom is departed from thee: and they shall drive thee from men."

A mountain is an elevation of land; but in the symbolism of the Bible, earth means the human earth, and a mountain is a humanity risen up out of the sinful humanity. The base of the word zion, or sion, or sinai,—in the Hebrew, as in the English,—means sin; and Mount Sinai, or Zion, is an elevated, sinless humanity that has come up out of the sinful, sensual humanity, as did Jesus, and as will come the product of the planting of himself in the sinful race, the 144,000 sons of God whom John—in the harvest, the end of the Christian age—saw on Mount Zion. These will constitute the kingdom to come in the earth, for which Jesus taught us to pray.

But this stone cut out of the mountain, elevated humanity, was without hands. The hand is that with which power is applied, hence it symbolizes power. This stone was without power, and yet grew until it destroyed all earthly powers, including church and state, which preceded it. Jesus had all power in heaven and in earth, as he declared. Why, then, did He not destroy the oppressive Roman power, which murdered him and cruelly persecuted and destroyed his disciples? He was, as he declared, the first and the last, the alpha and the omega; the beginning and the end, the cause and the effect, just as really, and in the same way, as the seed is the creator, the beginning and the end, the cause and the effect, the alpha and the omega, of the entire process of wheat creation.

As long as wheat remains seed, it is powerless to produce its results. Only when cast out into outer darkness, sown in its proper environment, does it put forth its power to create. Just so Jesus, the divine seed, was powerless to create the new heavens and the new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness, until he was sown in the

human hearts that received him, as Holy Ghost. Then began the creation, by Him, of new heavens—a new church, and a new earth—a new state, which continued until "all things [of the new age] were made by him; and without him was nothing made that was made." "In Him was life [the life of the new age], and the life was the light of men." But as Jesus explained, where seed has been sown, there comes up first the blade, then the stalk, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear; and of course as a result, the old stalk (the old creation, the old church) dies. It has then fully answered the end of its being. If it remains longer, it is as a decaying stock that becomes "Babylon the great," which "is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird."

At present, there is not a crime against God or man that does not rest securely under the shadow of the old church and state,—provided men can make money or secure power by it. But we are assured that seed-time and harvest shall never fail. This means seed-sowing on the higher plane. The sowing of the divine seed in the sinful human soil,—when he who knew no sin of himself, being sown in the sinful humanity, became sin for us "that we might be made the righteousness of God in him,"—must be followed by such harvest and corruption of church and state.

We learn from the 49th chapter of Genesis, that the Stone of Israel comes from the posterity, not of Judah, as Jesus did, but of Joseph. This is the Stone on which Zechariah says are seven eyes; but in Revelation, we learn that the seven eyes are the seven spirits of God, which go out into the whole earth. Jesus was the sixth of these eyes, that—in his translation or conversion to spirit, Holy Ghost—went out into the whole earth, the humanity that received it, to impregnate humanity with the higher, the God-life, for a harvest of sons of God, to come in earth in the end of the Christian age. When manifest, they will constitute the kingdom of heaven in earth, for whose coming Jesus taught us to pray. Before that time, there will come the personality who is the Stone of Israel from Joseph, having the seven eyes referred to in Zechariah; also called the Lamb, as it were slain, having seven horns (powers) and seven eyes, seven spirits of God, that go out into the whole earth, as stated in Revelation. This is the Stone cut out of the mountain, without hands (power), that Daniel saw. When this Stone goes away as spirit,—Holy Ghost, the divine seed, which will be after he has "overcome" and become holy, for he, like Elijah, was not born holy as Jesus was,—he will enter the humanity that desires to receive him, as the seed of a future harvest.

Nineteen hundred years ago, the seed of the kingdom that is to succeed the kingdoms of the earth, (symbol-

ized by Nebuchadnezzar's image,) was sown, and died in humanity, in order to its reproduction, regeneration. We are nearing the time when—with the added impetus of Cyrus, the Shepherd, the Stone of Israel from Joseph, who is the stick of Ephraim and becomes one with the stick of Judah, which was Jesus, the Stone having seven eyes—"a kingdom will be born at once." Then speedily

will the Stone cut out of the mountain without hands, become a great mountain and fill the whole earth. As the kingdom of Nebuchadnezzar and the others which succeeded it were universal kingdoms in earth, the one that will succeed them will be a universal kingdom in earth. This is the only hope of humanity, that now—because of the utter corruption of both church and state—is dying because of adultery and monopoly.

In the Editorial Perspective.

THE EDITOR.

OCTOBER EIGHTEENTH, 1839, marks the beginning of the Koreshan Dispensation, the beginning of the New Era. It was the day of the birth of the unique character of the century, of the age, of the great cycle of solar precession; it was the day of the coming of the tangible Temple of Truth, into which all lines of progress for ages have penciled, for the specific purpose of giving to the world the greatest discovery of all time. The trend of human events for centuries has been in the direction of the greatest crisis of history. There has never come a crisis in the world, for which there was not produced, through human desire, a man to meet the exigencies of the hour. It was due to the world that the nineteenth century of progress should bring forth the Man of Destiny, the great Hero, who should ascend to the pinnacle of human attainment, and who, like all true heroes, should rise out of obscurity and reach the meridian altitude of the anthropotic Sun. Nineteen hundred years ago, when the man Jesus the Christ was born into the natural world, there began a great advent movement; "All men were in expectation of Him" who was to come; and when he was about thirty years of age, he entered upon his divine mission, anointed, baptized with the spirit of the Almighty. At that time, the sign in the physical heavens was passing from the constellation Aries to Pisces. In 1839, there began another great advent movement, under the leadership of William Miller; and Christendom was aroused to anticipation of the coming of the Messiah. The hope was founded on the declaration of the prophet concerning the termination of the period of "2,300 days," the time of the beginning of the cleansing of the tabernacle. The tabernacle came at the expiration of the prophetic period; and at the expiration of thirty years from the initial date, in the year of the declaration of the infallibility of the pope of Rome, KORESH discovered the form and functions of the cellular universe, founded the Koreshan System of Religio-Science, and announced to the world the System of truth which he today promulgates. The dates of the birth and illumination of the Founder of Koreshanity constitute the two great dates of the advent movement of the nineteenth century,—the coming of the tabernacle, and the revelation of the Messianic pole; and correspondingly, the sign in the field of astronomical observation passes from Pisces to Aquarius. Aquarius, the Water-Carrier, the container of truth, the universal solvent, has come, and has been welcomed by a large circle of disciples. The man of Integrity has encountered the corruptions of the modern world. The Prophet cries out for purity and genuine reform. He has suffered the persecution of his enemies, the prejudices of the church, and the calumnies of the daily press. But the effect of his work can be seen and realized everywhere. Since his coming, the church has entered the state of rapid disintegration; the world is being agitated from center to circumference; the geniuses, not knowing the source of their ingenuity, multiply great inventions and dis-

coveries; and the spirit of reform has seized the millions. Koreshanity is being imitated by hundreds of teachers, who have plagiarized and perverted truths announced thirty years ago. The sixtieth year of KORESH is ending; we enter upon another tridecade of Koreshan history, a period of stupendous possibilities, with its terrors and its triumphs, its vortex and its victories!

The Pharisees of the modern church are waging a bitter fight against the seating of Congressman-elect Roberts of Utah, on account of his adherence to Mormonism and the practice of polygamy. We are in receipt of a letter from the Salt Lake Ministerial Association, with request to publish the same, and other matter connected with the anti-Mormon crusade. The letter asks ministers everywhere to preach in defense of the Christian home, on the last Sunday of October, 1899, and to call mass meetings to arouse public sentiment in favor of expulsion of the prospective congressman from the House of Representatives. The majority of the people of Utah have made their choice as to who shall be their congressman, and the election was constitutional; those people live in Utah, and are acquainted with the morals of the Mormon people. If he is unseated, it will be the result of the intrigue of meddling churchmen. Koreshanity is waging a war against the corruptions of the modern Christian home, and against the sensualism of humanity. If we joined in the cry to unseat Roberts because he has disobeyed the laws prohibiting polygamy, we would also insist on the unseating of every congressman because of disobedience to the superior laws of life. Congressmen who have the sanction of the Pharisees are just as sensual and corrupt as the Mormon congressman. Place the accused before Congress itself; ask the members who are without sin to cast the first stone, and witness them all slink away, self-condemned, as when the request was made in the case of the woman accused of adultery nineteen hundred years ago! The same request might be made of clergymen, with similar results!

The war cloud still hangs over the Transvaal, and threatens to sweep the southern extremity of Africa. Christian England, the giant, is about to attack the Christian Transvaal, the dwarf. The world is hoping that war may be averted; but even if the difficulties are settled otherwise, the wide world is aware of the fact of England's greed for gold, and that England is as ready and willing to go to war with a nation professing to adhere to the doctrines of the Christ, as it is to fight the Mohammedans of Egypt. The British government has long been desirous of controlling the affairs in Transvaal; and at the time it is seizing upon a mere pretext upon which to make demands behind the bayonet. There are about 100,000 Boers in the Transvaal, and a still greater number of foreigners. The foreigners desire the liberty to have a voice in the domestic politics of the Transvaal, without renouncing the privileges of citizen-

ship in their native countries. England desires to force naturalization of foreigners contrary to the laws of the little republic, the ultimate object being the control of the entire nation by the British. England has no more right to dictate to the Transvaal the conditions of naturalization of foreigners than the United States has to dictate to Mexico or any other independent nation. The Boers are conservative, and too slow for the more modern commercial enterprises. At present, it does not open up the avenues wide enough for Englishmen to plunder the Transvaal territory and steal its wealth; hence, the determination of British colonial office to force its way to the source of South African wealth, without regard to the domestic politics of the little nation.

"We can read the meager history of the Nazerene Jesus that has come down to us, and gather that he was a sincere man, a man of greatest enthusiasm, and a teacher of some sound ideas; but when it comes to deifying him, or in any way looking up to him as a master, I simply refuse to do so." This quotation is from the pen of a man who pretends to be overcoming death, and who is "deifying" himself, by assuming that he, as well as every other man, is not only God, but that each man is *all* of God. We have sufficient authenticated history of Jesus the Christ, and astro-biological proofs, to know that Jesus actually overcame death and entered the eternal realm of the divine consciousness. If Jesus overcame death, he overcame through obedience to the laws that he taught; and the fact that he did overcome, and entered the central consciousness of Deity through transabsorption, is proof that he was Master of the great problems, which the modern mental scientist is still endeavoring but failing to solve, Jesus is the only man in all history who has become immortal; exclude him from the category of great conquerors, and the mental scientists and theosophists cannot point to a single instance of attainment of immortality and absorption into Nirvana, and are without proof of the possibility of reaching these states. The man who, in modern times, overcomes death, will do so in accordance with the same laws that Jesus announced and obeyed; and he will recognize Jesus as the Master Man and Teacher; for there is no other way.

Following closely upon the great celebration at New York in the honor of Admiral Dewey, was the magnificent Chicago festival—the gigantic advertising concern for the business men of the great commercial center of the West. The numerous massive buildings in the down-town districts were gorgeously decorated; and the magnificent arches and courts were resplendent with electric brilliancy. The President and his entire cabinet; representatives of the republic of Mexico, and officials of the Canadian government, were present to join in the great jubilee of American prosperity. From the firing of the first gun in the Spanish-American war, to the last ceremony of the Chicago festival, the present administration has made telling strokes in the direction of unparalleled popularity. Every effort has been made to drown the cries of the enslaved and the oppressed. The workingman himself forgets his miserable bondage, as he marches to the drum-beats which thrill the heart of the President and the millionaire. The workingmen of Chicago have built the splendid city, but they do not own it. The magnificent structures are temples of traffic, dedicated to the gold god, where the products of labor are exchanged. The city does not belong to the people who created it; but to the few who have not earned a single dollar of their wealth! The fall festival was held in the honor of the men who have stolen the wealth of the millions of people who inhabit the territory, drained and impoverished by the commercial pirates of the western metropolis.

"After orthodoxy, what?" is being asked by those who observe the rapid inroads that are being made in the modern church by agnosticism. What is to be the result of the great agitation in ecclesiastical circles, and the wholesale repudiation of orthodox beliefs? The church is becoming impotent and powerless to withstand the attacks made upon it. The clergymen are holding on to their "profession," because it is a means of living, and it gives them social prestige. One has said that "Ninty-nine clergymen out of one hundred do not believe what they preach." And another says, "There are two superlative fools in this world—the man who says that there is a God, and the man who says that there is not a God. We do not know." It is evident that in the church itself, agnosticism is rapidly supplanting orthodoxy. Is ignorance to be the ultimate of human progress? Neither the "scientist" nor the clergyman is able to look into the future and reveal the character of the coming religion—he does not know. The old church is to be succeeded by the new. The new religion is scientific—it is Koreshanity; it comes after orthodoxy, as day succeeds night.

The Adventists are outdone by a modern scientist, in fixing the time of the end of the world. Thousands of people have been troubled and excited over frequent announcements that the earth is to be consumed by fire in the near future; but to settle the question, a scientist, a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, has attempted to calculate by cold mathematics, just how soon we may expect the judgment day—that is, when activity will cease in the solar system, and when the worlds will become as dead and useless as the moon of modern astronomy. It seems that it all depends upon the sun, which is supposed to be radiating its energies into space without compensation or supply. The result of the calculation fixed the time at 3,375,000,000 years hence! This is "high science," and will be believed by the masses of thoughtless people. Koreshanity goes one better: The universe will never end; it has always been; it is eternal. The world or age, which is the subject of the Biblical prophecy, is the Christian dispensation, and it is ending; and the great judgment with its woes and revolution right here in the natural world, is at hand!

Man and cosmos are correlated and co-ordinated, and the functions of the human form are analogous to the functions of the physical universe. Modern astrologers admit that there is a relation existing between man and the stars; a man may be born under a certain star; and the star under which he is born is indicative of the character of the man. It has never occurred to the astrologer that the fact that there is a sun in the physical heavens is proof that there is a corresponding sun in humanity; the solar man is just as necessary as the star man. Koreshan Astrology locates the anthropotic Sun in humanity, the climax of the human world, just as the central sun of the physical world is the highest product of the mineral kingdom. Solar precession marks, as regularly as the clock marks the days, the cosmological epochs; and correspondingly in humanity, there is the periodic manifestation of the solar man who marks and makes the epochs of human history, the twelve dispensations of one grand cycle of 24,000 years.

Prof. Campbell, of the Lick Observatory, announces the discovery that the North Star is not a star, but three stars, revolving about a common center of gravity. Ptolemy's theory of planetary motions presupposed a "fictitious planet," about which each real planet revolves; this supposition was necessary in his system, to explain the direct and retrograde motions of the superior planets. The Ptolemaic system was rejected by Copernicus, and the motion of the earth about the sun was

supposed to be the cause of the annual retrogradations of the planets; since then, it has been necessary to invent a thousand-fold more epicycles, with planets, suns, and stars revolving about imaginary centers, to account for the phenomena of the heavens, than Ptolemy ever dreamed of. The main principle that Copernicus rejected, is now the principle which is supposed to rule throughout the universe!

Koreshanity advocates the universal trust—the gigantic combination which will involve all nations and peoples in one universal government. The physical universe is governed by one center, in accordance with the laws of order. We are nearing the time when humanity will become an organic unity like the cosmos. The great universal empire, foreseen by the seers of ages, is at hand. The world is about to pass through the throes of revolution; when it merges forth from the vortex, it will be ready to be clothed with the new garments of the true church and state, controlling all industry and commerce on the basis of universal economy.

Adversity is not always adverse to progress; discouragements are not necessarily discouraging. Stemming the tide of opposition and prejudice generates and conserves the energies of ultimate success. Truth always has to battle with fallacy. Koreshanity sails against the wind and against the tide; but the forces of each are utilized to bring the Vessel to Port Success and Triumph. The winds of adversity and persecution are made to fill the sails; and the stronger the wind the swifter the speed.

Representatives of the three great nations of North America met at the Chicago festival. Chicago is the center of North American population; and it is not without significance that the three nations of the northern continent joined in the celebration of the success of American millionaires.

The pretensions of the modern Christians sink the claims of the ancient Pharisees into insignificance. The strictest sect of the Jews only claimed to be the children of Abraham; while the Christians of the nineteenth century claim to be the children of God!

The stars in the flag of American liberty have been transferred to the crowns of the money kings, and the stripes to the backs of their slaves.

The discovery of the north pole in humanity is of vastly more importance than the discovery of the north pole of the earth.

The great demand of the hour is the Man of absolute integrity of character, with the knowledge of the Truth.

Zeal, if conducive to good, must be accompanied with definite knowledge of what to do, and how to do it.

The promised prosperity has come: Increased prosperity for the pirates, but greater poverty for the poor.

The devil is a stranger to most people, because they are not acquainted with themselves.

Koreshanity is the intellectual climax of ages of human progress.

The discovery of the universe is the greatest discovery of the age.

The fame of the modern hero culminates in a new brand of cigars.

The coming revolution will break down the bars of progress.

The extremity of every age is God's opportunity.

Genius must create the new genus.

Editorial Discussions, Chats, and Correspondence.

THE EDITOR.

Inquiries of an Investigator.

EDITOR FLAMING SWORD:—(1) If KORESH were what he claims to be, would he advertise in THE FLAMING SWORD, literature that is distinctly antichristian and infidel? If what he calls the god of this world—money—is not what he worships, could he advertise such literature at any price?

(2) If money is the god of this world, how can sensuality be the cause of all degeneracy, sin, and disease?

(3) If man cannot become immortal without becoming a neuter being, both male and female, how could Bible characters be translated when they were married men, and some of them the father of many children? Enoch lived many years, and begat sons and daughters; "and he was not, for God took him." God told Abraham that he would make of him the father of many nations; and he told Adam and Eve to be fruitful and multiply.

(4) If marriage is not a divine institution, and Adam was both male and female, how could God say that he needed a wife? "It is not good that he should be alone; I will make an helpmeet for him," and he commanded them to be fruitful and multiply.

Now, I am honest in this. If Koreshanity is wholly true, I wish to be convinced of it, and join you as soon as possible. I am looking for the kingdom of Christ in

the earth, when justice may be found in the land; for I have been obliged to think that this world as it is, has little use for an honest man.—P. A. C., St. Albans, Vt.

(1) If the Founder of Koreshanity makes friends of the mammon of unrighteousness because of the necessities the stage of transition requires, he is pursuing a course exactly in accordance with the advice of Jesus himself. The only way that God Almighty himself can make progress in the mortal world, is by making friends among devils before it is possible to convert them; and mortal men constitute the only class of beings that can be saved. Koreshanity comes before the world as a new System; and its advocates are using every legitimate means for promulgating the same. It is not a money-making institution; the advertisements in THE FLAMING SWORD are not inserted for money. We are liberal enough to exchange advertisements with other publications, whose publishers will insert our advertisements. There are about twenty-five publications which advertise, from time to time, in THE FLAMING

SWORD. We permit all these publications to speak to our readers for the privilege of calling the attention of all their combined circle of readers, to the System of Koreshanity. We are fearless; the Koreshan System is so thoroughly demonstrated that we can place it in contrast with the hundreds of other theories in the world. We are liberal enough to do this. But the time will come when it will not be necessary to use these avenues for the promulgation of Koreshanity.

(2) Money is not simply gold, silver, or paper, popularly known as money. Money is the criterion of exchange, in the secular, church, and sex domains. These are the three phases of commerce in which the guard or criterion is active. Money is the root of all evil, primarily, in the sex commerce; secondarily, in the church commerce, and thirdly, in the secular commerce. The money of the false systems of commerce in these domains is the root of all evil, and the cause of the world's degeneracy.

(3) The various successive manifesta-

tions of God in humanity, are not the same as to quality of life involved. Immortality is not necessary to dematerialization; if it were so, there could not obtain the circumferential absorption at the end of the dispensation; and it would be impossible for mortality to put on immortality. Neither Noah, Moses, nor Elijah was an immortal man. The Cardinal Points of Koreshanity, a tract we publish, explains the different degrees and kinds of translation and absorption. Biblical characters who were translated did *not* beget sons and daughters through sensual generation. Paul acknowledged Timothy as his son, not in the flesh, but in the gospel. When the sons of God appear, they will be the offspring of Jesus the Christ; the Almighty begets sons through the higher generation.

(4) The wife of Adam was the church of Adam. The church of Jesus was called the bride of Christ, which will culminate in the New Jerusalem, the Lamb's wife. Adam did not beget children through sensualism. Adam was a Messiah, the founder of a church. The fall of Adam was like the fall of Jesus; he fell into the church, to regenerate man. Abraham was a manifestation of God on the sensual plane; Abraham was the progenitor of a new race, and he was not translated until he was resurrected in Jesus. The Almighty commanded Adam to be fruitful and multiply, just as he commanded Jesus to be fruitful and multiply himself into 144,000 personalities. Jesus could obey such a command, because he was immortal; and because Adam was immortal, he could do the same, in the same way.

The divine marriage—the process of uniting the male and the female—is a divine institution; it is the conjunction of God and man. The divine marriage is soon to occur again. That the common “marriage” of mortal men and women is not divine, is evident from the fact that the law of the secular nations both unites and divorces man and wife. When God unites two individuals, and makes them *one flesh*, no man *can* put them asunder. There is no other divine marriage.

The Gospel of Koreshanity.

EDITOR FLAMING SWORD:—I have been a reader of your paper; it seems to contain the truth, but it does not. The gospel of Koreshanity belongs exclusively to the time of antichrist, the present age, the age intervening between the Pentecostal rain and the latter rain in the dispensation to come. Your gospel is brain gospel, not the Christ spirit gospel. The spirit of antichristian self-exaltation is manifest throughout every article published. It is iconoclastic, and has nothing in it to build up brotherly love. Its destiny is to end with this age, like all other schisms.—P. P., Bennett, Colo.

In the above, we have the assertion that in every article published in THE FLAMING SWORD, there is manifest the spirit of antichristian self-exaltation; while at the same time, the critic exalts himself above us,—so much so as to presume to be able, not only to adjudge and denounce the Koreshan System as antichristian, but also to prophesy concerning its destiny! Ever since our friend began reading THE FLAMING SWORD, there has been a battle between reason and superstition going on in his mind; and superstition has at last gained the victory, and the above letter is the result. Koreshanity, to his reason, has seemed to be true; but superstition says it is not true. This is the correct diagnosis of his condition when the above was written.

There is but one truth expressed in our friend's letter; and that is, that the gospel of Koreshanity is *brain* gospel. The gospel of Jesus, the gospel of the age, was put forth from brains; it was absolutely true, but in the philosophic degree. It cannot forever remain in that degree, because at some time in the world's history, that gospel must be comprehended by the intellect.

At the beginning of every dispensation of human progress, a new system of religion comes to the world. It has been so from the time of Adam to the present time. Jesus taught the doctrines of Moses, but in another degree. Moses wrote of Jesus; the law and the prophets pointed to the one Man who fulfilled the law and the prophets. There were people in the days of Jesus who considered him a blasphemer, because he presumed to succeed Moses in the work of revealing truth to the world.

Jesus began a new dispensation; a man stood at the beginning of the age; he poured out his life and soul into humanity. The early rain was at the beginning of the age, and the *latter rain* must come to mature the harvest in the field of humanity. The spirit of the Almighty, nineteen hundred years ago, emanated from a single personality; it came from Jesus, through the breaking-up of his body, or the processes of theocrasis, and the dissemination of his substance to his disciples. If another rain is to come, it also must come from another personality, who will likewise fulfil the law and the prophets, and prepare the way for the coming and manifestation of the sons of God. If another age or dispensation is to come, it must be introduced by *another* man, who will stand at the head of the order, the Founder of a new System.

The Koreshan System is constructive; it contains every element necessary

to build up an entirely new order, and usher the world into the dispensation of brotherly love. It is not a schism; it is not a sect or fragment of the old church. The system is whole and complete in itself; it borrows nothing from dying systems of orthodoxy. The modern church is passing away; it will expire with the age. The constructive System is only in its beginning; it does *not* belong to the time elapsing between the beginning and the end of the new dispensation. The apostate church has the misfortune to have filled in the interregnum of time, with its corruptions. Koreshanity is not antichristian; it maintains the doctrines of Jesus the Messiah, and exalts him as the true Christ; Koreshanity revives the communism of the early church, and puts into practical application the laws by which Jesus overcame death and became immortal. Koreshanity will live after its critics are known no more!

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In the Field of Koreshan Propaganda.

Weekly Synopsis of Topics Discussed by Koreshan Lecturers.

Koreshan Hall, 316 W. 63rd St., Chicago.

THURSDAY, OCT. 5. Lecture by Rev. Berthaldine.—Subject: Social Purity. From time immemorial there have existed bodies of people banded together for the purpose of leading chaste lives, devoted to good works, and denominated as celibate. While undoubtedly many have been sincere,—living up to their professions,—it is nevertheless true that the life potencies conserved by such living, are of no benefit to humanity unless polarized. This polarization must be effected by the focalization of the desires of the people in the Messenger of the Covenant, now manifest in the world. Such is the mission of Koreshanity in this particular.

SUNDAY, OCT. 8., 3 P. M. Sermon by Rev. Berthaldine. Text: “Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church.” Much stress has been laid upon the submission of the wife to the husband, in the marital relation, but on the other hand, if the above-mentioned text were fully lived up to, there would be no marital infelicity or other social abominations such as are evident everywhere today.

MONDAY EVENING, OCT. 9. Lecture by Prof. Morrow, on Astronomy. Many of the regular attendants upon these lectures were absent, owing to the festivities in the city. For this reason, the Professor stated that this lecture would be of such character as not to interfere with the regular course. The question was propounded: What difference does it make whether the earth's surface be concave or convex? This problem was answered in a highly satisfactory manner, showing the concave

universe to be a complete whole, having definite center and circumference; thereby pointing back to a cause equally as well defined and knowable. Such is the direct bearing of the Cellular Cosmogony upon religion. Christianity was next dealt with from the Koreshan standpoint, and its premise (the indestructible atom) shown to be fallacious. The social problem also finds its solution only in a definite knowledge of the form and functions of the physical universe.

City Street Meetings, Conducted by Mr. W. R. Wallace, at Flaming Sword Wagon.

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 4. State and Quincy Sts.—Subject: Agnosticism the Prevailing Religion. The speaker showed conclusively that the world today is agnostic, whether by its own admissions or not. Humanity presumes to worship a god it does not know. It is living in a universe, the form and functions of which are unknown; and an equally agnostic condition prevails in all domains of thought.

Numerous quotations were read from various astronomers, in which they admit the unsoundness of the Copernican theory. A general outline was then given of the Cellular Cosmogony, after which a number of questions were answered and a quantity of literature distributed.

The speaker was roundly applauded for his efforts, at the close of the meeting.

SUNDAY, Oct. 8. State and Quincy Sts.—This being festival week, the down-town district was literally swarming with sight-seers, which fact rendered it a golden opportunity for the promulgation of Koreshanity. The "Court of Honor" (State Street, from Van Buren to Lake) was nightly one blaze of glory, reminding one forcibly of that greater festival, the World's Fair, now a memory of the past.

The astronomical charts soon attracted a large concourse about THE "SWORD" wagon. The subject of the evening was: What Bearing has Astronomy upon the Labor Problem? It was conclusively demonstrated that there can be no orderly or economic arrangement in the affairs of the human world, until the form and functions of its pattern (the physical world) should be understood. Many copies of THE SWORD were distributed as souvenirs of "the first paper published in the earth." —ALLEN H. ANDREWS, Reporter.

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The World's News.

Wednesday, Oct. 4.—Admiral Dewey presented with a magnificent sword at Washington.—British troops are moving from Kimberly toward the Transvaal border; no peace in prospect; Boers decide to fight if pressed to point of war.—Great Pete of capitalism opens at Chicago; Mexican band arrives.—First race of Columbia and the Shamrock fails; no wind.—Filipino rebels making headway toward Manila.—Russian press favors the Boers.

Thursday.—The Transvaal sends ultimatum to Great Britain; failure to withdraw British troops at once will be considered

as a declaration of war.—Thousands of visitors throng the streets of Chicago.—Gulf storm raging in the south.—Politics causes a row in the Methodist conference at Rockford Ill.—Eastern diplomats plan an alliance of Russia, France, and Spain.—Violent storm sweeps Egypt.—Filipinos recapture Porac.

Friday.—Newspapers excite masses by unconfirmed report that U. S. offers to act as mediator between England and the Transvaal.—Helen Gould champions crusade against the Mormons for the purpose of unseating Congressman Roberts.—Storm on the Florida west coast.—Moody's voice fails; is compelled to cancel his engagements.—People of Belgium and Holland sympathize with the Boers.—21 German military officers take commissions in the Transvaal army.

Saturday.—Battle with the Filipinos at Imus; rebels run as usual.—Asiatic squadron to be reinforced at request of Dewey.—McKinley arrives in Chicago.—Dewey accepts subscribed funds for his new home.—University of Vermont decides to make Dewey a LL. D.—Gen. Harrison visits Berlin.—The Pope thanks McKinley for forbidding soldiers to occupy Philippine churches.—Spanish flag forbidden at Havana.

Sunday.—Preachers in Chicago talk about the Chicago festival and American prosperity.—Mexican, Canadian, and U. S. officials banqueted by Chicago clubs.—Aguinaldo issues manifesto on the basis of sympathy of anti-imperialists in America; says democratic party would give them independence.—Civil government to be established in Porto Rico.—Third race of Columbia and the Shamrock a failure.—Prince and Princess of Wales separate; another royal scandal impending.

Monday.—Americans and Filipinos busily engaged in capturing and recapturing cities and forts.—Administration decides to turn over to archbishop of Manila, \$20,000,000 worth of church and other property in the Philippines; Papacy gains a point on America.—Chicago day; 1,500,000 people witness festival parades.—Garrisons increased in Rome to prevent religious riots at church jubilee.—Foundation of the Parnell monument laid in Dublin.—New disturbances and frightful murders reported in Armenia.—Sir Wilfred Laurier royally received and entertained at Chicago.

Tuesday.—Foreigners in the Transvaal demand war and destruction of the Boer republic.—German clubs and unions denounce British policy in South Africa.—Gen. Otis removes press censorship at Manila.—President of Venezuela hopes to settle the revolution by resigning, thus avoiding military dictatorship; insurgent commander may then be peacefully elected to presidency.—German socialist conference meets at Hanover.—Hamburg-American steamer runs aground off coast of Long Island.

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The Flaming Sword's High-Class Exchanges.

The Cosmopolitan.—The October number will be widely read and long remembered, because it contains Mark Twain's dissection of "Christian Science." It is mostly humorous, but back of the humor lies the cutting rebuke of the fallacious claim that there is no matter. Every Koreshan should obtain a copy and enjoy the

humorist's treatment of Mrs. Eddy's fancies. At the close we find the words: "I gave her an imaginary check, and now she is suing me for substantial dollars." Missouri zinc mines are described and illustrated in this number; also Grape Gatherers in California. The Bonapartes of Today, by Prince Fabien Colonna, is excellent; also, English Court Beauties; the Stage in Mexico and its Favorites; Cagliostro—Necromancer, Hypnotist, and Charlatan; and Horse Swapping Convention. All these are beautifully illustrated. Some practical articles are: The Care of Young Children; Candy-Making at Home, and What Work Is. Excellent short stories: Lady Mary's Mistake; the Lady in the Box; An Arizona Episode, etc. The Cosmopolitan is a great 10-cent magazine, and is a favorite with American readers.

The Arena.—The October issue is the first number under the new management; it has been removed from Boston to New York, and is now edited by J. R. McLean, formerly editor of the Mind. As a monthly review of social advance, it will continue its usual policy. The principal articles in the current issue are: English Ethics; Is the Republic Overthrown; Referendum for Reform; Academic Freedom; the Swamis in America; Interpretation of the Vedanta, and others. 25 cts. per copy; \$2.50 per year. Alliance Pub. Co., Life Bldg., New York City.

Leslie's Weekly.—The Dewey Reception Number, of Oct. 7, is an example of the extent to which this popular weekly will go to present to the eye, current popular events. All of the principal scenes of the recent New York celebration of the homecoming of Admiral Dewey, are reproduced; we have counted 30 photographs, besides double-page picture of the triumphal arch, and Schell's picture, 4 feet in length, of the naval parade in New York harbor. Thousands of people will preserve this number as a souvenir of the great celebration.

Success.—The Columbia and the Shamrock are appropriately represented in Success of Oct. 7—together with the story of Sir Thomas Lipton's early manhood. Also, reminiscences of past great yacht races, with description and illustrations of the successful yachts. Talks with Girls; Men, Women, and Events, and Editorials are all interesting departments. Weekly; 5 cts. per copy; \$1.50 yearly. Success Pub. Co., Cooper Union, New York City.

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Rev. U. G. Mitchell, New York State missionary of the Koreshan organization of Chicago, is in the city endeavoring to promulgate the doctrines of the organization here. He is well known in Syracuse, having been for several years pastor of Universalist and Unitarian churches in Central New York.

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